

**Preliminary Amendment
Application No. 09/512,829**

Claim 37 has been amended to correct typographical errors (note deletions have a strikethrough).

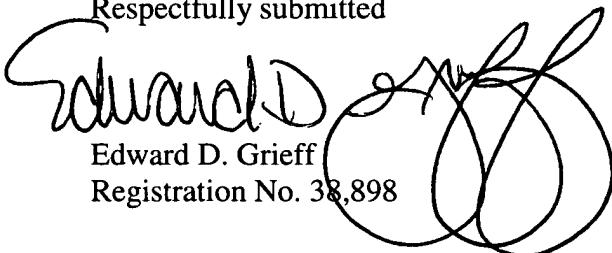
Claims 1-34, 56-58, 62, 63, 65, 67, 69, 70 and 73-75 have been cancelled without prejudice as being directed to non-elected inventions. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

No issues of new matter should arise and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

In view of the cancellation of claims, Tiansheng Wang and Stewart K. Richardson are no longer inventors of the pending claims. In view thereof, Applicants are filing concurrently herewith an Amendment under 37 C. F. R. 1.48(b) requesting that Tiansheng Wang and Stewart K. Richardson be deleted as inventors of the application and acknowledge that Tiansheng Wang's and Stewart K. Richardson's invention is no longer claimed. The amendment under 37 C. F. R. 1.48(b) is signed by Gordon Letts, Ph.D., a representative of NitroMed, Inc., the assignee of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable consideration and allowance of claims 35-55, 59-61, 64, 66, 68, 71-72 and 76-78.

Respectfully submitted


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